



Troop 122 News

February 2009

SCOUT SUNDAY

We will be having our annual Scout Sunday celebration at the Osceola United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 8. We will need scouts and parents to help with the pancake breakfast starting at about 7:00 AM. Parents should talk to Sharleen to volunteer. We will also have scouts attending the 2 church services. Scouts should wear their full uniform with pants that are appropriate for church. This is a fundraiser but also a great chance to interact with the church congregation. We will donate half of our proceeds to the church van fund to show our appreciation for being allowed to use the new vans and having our troop number on the vans!

WINTER CAMPING

Some reminders about winter camping before skiing:
- No tennis shoes! You must have a pair of snow boots and either work boots or hiking boots. Snow boots must be worn when there is snow on the ground.
- Two knit hats, not headbands, & two pair of gloves.
- Double the socks you would normally bring; triple if it's supposed to be wet. Polypropylene liner socks are inexpensive and they help keep your feet dry & warm.
- Wear long underwear & dress in layers. Wear as little cotton as possible next to your skin to avoid dampness.
- Wear a coat that is appropriate for the weather.
- Take off all of the clothes you were wearing during the day before you go to sleep. Sleep in a single layer of lightweight, clean, dry clothing. Put on clean socks & wear a dry knit hat.
- A wool or fleece blanket inside your sleeping bag adds to its insulating power. Don't use a cotton blanket!
- Though not required, disposable chemical warmers are inexpensive and well worth twice the price. Make sure your scout knows the safety rules for the brand you buy.

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HACIENDA

GIFT CARD \$\$ DUE FEB 5TH!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Hacienda Gift Card \$\$ Due!</i>	
	8	Scout Sunday	7 AM - 1 PM
	9	Hacienda	All Day!
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	13-15	Silversides	
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	23	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	24	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	26	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Mar	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	15	Scouting For Food	9:00 AM
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	20-22	Caving	
	26	Court of Honor	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	28	XX Port-A-Pit #1	
	30	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	31	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Apr	2	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	4	XX Port-A-Pit #2	
	9	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	16	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	17-19	Webelos @ Rice Woods	
	23	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	25	Troop Port-A-Pit #1	
	27	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	28	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	30	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
May	1-3	Backpacking	
	7	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	9	Troop Port-A-Pit #2	
	14	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	15-16	Relay For Life	
	21	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	25	Memorial Day Parade	7:30 AM
	26	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	28	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM



SILVERSIDES

We're all looking forward to our third visit to The Silversides the weekend of February 13-15! This is a genuine World War II submarine and it's actually in the water! Contrary to some folks' wishes, though, we won't be heading out on patrol looking for U-boats! We'll be camping Friday night on the Terry Fren'd's Silver Lake property. (That's our former Scoutmaster for those who don't know Terry.) Hope for good weather so we get some hiking in on the dunes on Saturday as we'll be within walking distance of Lake Michigan. Then on Saturday evening we'll head to nearby Muskegon to board the Silversides. We'll also get a tour of the 125' Coast Guard Cutter McLane but the highlight will be a hands-on tour of the Silversides and spending the night aboard! We will not, unfortunately, be diving to the bottom of the lake during our sub adventure! Visit their website, www.silversides.org and Terry's favorite, www.boatnerd.com.

BACKPACKING

This is a reminder that we will be backpacking for our May 1-2 campout on the Manistee River Trail near Mesick, MI. This trail has beautiful views of the Manistee River and a particularly nice campsite among the pine trees. The general terrain and pace will be good for all ages. If your scout doesn't have a backpack yet talk to Bonnie Clay. We will be placing an order for a pack that's sized to fit smaller, growing bodies. We also get a discount on larger packs. If you have a used pack that you'd like to sell or donate, bring it to a troop meeting soon! This saves someone money and cleans your house at the same time!

WEBELOS

We will be having our traditional campout with first year Webelos at Rice Woods April 17-19. If you know of a Cub Scout Pack that has 1st Year Webelos who might be interested in camping with us, please contact Vince Kertes or John Likes so we can include those boys in this weekend. This is a great chance for Webelos and their parents to learn more about our troop and about Boy Scouting. The weekend is planned specifically for the Webelos!



CAVING

We will be visiting Spring Mill State Park and Bluespring Caverns for our March 20-22 campout. Spring Mill is a great place with lots of hiking trails which we'll be taking advantage of during the day on Saturday. Then we'll have dinner at McDonald's on our way to spend the night in the big cave at Bluespring Caverns. Boys will get to go on the Wild Tour and take an underground boat ride. The cost of this campout will be \$44 in order to cover the \$24 fee at Bluespring Caverns. Please remember that you can use your fundraising money for the \$24 that is over the normal \$20 campout fee. And please talk to a leader if you want your scout to participate but are a little low on funds right now. This will also be the first campout for our incoming Webelos so reserve your spot early. Limited space is available.

FUTURE PLANS

In addition to the campouts listed below, please mark these important dates on you calendar. We will need lots help to have a successful Spring:

Feb 8	7:00 AM-1:00 PM	Scout Sunday
Feb 9		Hacienda
Feb 13-15		Silversides
Mar 14	9:00 AM	Scouting For Food
Mar 20-22		Caving
Mar 26	6:30 PM	Court Of Honor
Mar 28	8 AM – 4 PM	XX Port-A-Pit #1
Apr 4	8 AM – 4 PM	XX Port-A-Pit #2
Apr 17-19		Webelos @ Rice Woods
Apr 25	8 AM – 4 PM	Troop Port-A-Pit #1
May 1-3		Backpacking
May 9	8 AM – 4 PM	Troop Port-A-Pit #2
May 15-16	4 PM – 4 PM	Relay For Life
May 25	8:00 AM	Memorial Day Parade
Jun 3	4:30 – 8 PM	XX Sunburst Bags
Jun 4	5:30 – 9 PM	Troop Sunburst Bags
Jun 5	5 – 10 PM	XX Rummage Setup
Jun 6		XX Rummage Sale
Jun 14-19		Summer Camp
Jul 17-25		XX to Maine

Future outing/campout plans include:

Feb 13-15	Silversides	(Joe)
Mar 20-22	Caving	(Ron)
Apr 17-19	Rice Woods	(Vince/John)

The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

FUNDRAISING

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HACIENDA

Please turn in you gift card money on Thursday, Feb 5! We have to pay for the gift cards on the 9th so we need to get that money in the bank! Remember – you get 15% of what you sell for Summer Camp, High Adventure or campout expenses over \$20. And plan to join all of your fellow scouts, their families and friends for dinner on Monday, Feb 9th, at the 100 Center Hacienda. Fiesta party time!

TROOP PORT-A-PIT SALES APRIL 25 & MAY 9

SPONSOR NEWS

THANK YOU to American Legion Post 308, McDaniel's Harley Davidson, and Performance Carstar for renewing their sponsorships! Times are tough and we appreciate their continued commitment to Scouting and Troop 122! We'd like to invite our sponsors to email us a business card or similar sized ad and we'll include them (in black & white) on a rotating basis on the blank side of the mailing address page. This is a great way to get some more exposure and to get your phone number and other information out to our readers. Send your ad to troop122@comcast.net. Do you know someone who might like to be a sponsor? For \$100 a year they get ad space on the trailer, are included in the list below and on our website, and they get a newsletter! Call Dee Joyner @ 674-7109 to add a sponsor.

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McKinley Penn Self Lock Storage (\$480)	
Ongoing: U.S. Signcrafters	

TROOP MEETINGS

Regular troop meetings are every Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Osceola United Methodist Church. Please be on time! Remember to wear your Class A shirt and neckerchief and to bring your book and \$1 for dues.

EAGLE NEWS

Brad Hipsher is finalizing the plans for his project to remove & replace the playground at the Osceola Church of the Brethren on Beech Rd. Be ready!

XX NEWS

All XX participants – scouts and adults – must sell \$250 in Hacienda cards or pay \$50 toward the trip. (Some of you owe for last year's sale but can make that up by selling more than \$250 this year.) We are definitely flying so it's worth the effort of selling the cards. This is an easy fundraiser! You will earn 15% of any amount you sell over the \$250 just as other scouts. PLEASE put the March 28 and April 4 Port-a-Pit sales on your calendars! There are only 12 scouts, young adults and leaders going to Maine so we need EVERYONE and some family members to be there!

COMMITTEE

The current committee consists of the members listed below. Committee meetings are the LAST Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the church. ALL committee members should attend. Parents, sponsors and other interested adults are welcome at these meetings.

Vince Kertes	Committee Chrmn	679-4087
Ron Hipsher	Scoutmaster	257-8327
Matt Brownbridge	Asst. Scoutmaster	256-0561
Steve Buck	Committee	259-3704
Bonnie Clay	Asst. Scoutmaster	633-4876
Rick Fisher	Committee	675-9505
Ken Fritz	Roundtable	291-2640
Larry Hill	Church Rep	273-4756
Dee Joyner	Sponsors	674-7109
Joe Joyner	Treasurer	674-7109
Jack King	Quartermaster	674-6249
John Likes	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-3724
Sharleen Potterbaum	Committee	293-9318
Jenny Sanders	Fundraising	259-1619
Bonnie Swiatkowski	Advancement	291-9355
Chris Lies	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1833
Eric Potterbaum	Asst. Scoutmaster	293-9318
Shaun Swiatkowski	Asst. Scoutmaster	291-9355
Ben & Klay Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1379
Josh Walker	Asst. Scoutmaster	674-5173
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-2062